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**Compose a 300 – 500 word essay response to the following prompt:**

Imagine you are an EPA official who is going to make a recommendation about whether an agricultural pesticide can remain on the market or should be banned. What are some of the facts you would need to make your recommendation? Who are some of the interest groups interested in the outcome of your decision? What arguments might they present regarding their positions? What political pressures might they be able to bear on you?